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Subject: Brine Service Company Superfund Site - Response to "Freedom of Information Act" Request from Mrs. Jenilee Easter (EPA-R6-2013-007904)
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Mrs. Easter, the purpose of this e-mail is to respond to the "Freedom of Information Act" (FOIA) Request you submitted on July 4, 2013, concerning the Brine Service Company Superfund Site (hereinafter "the Site") located in Corpus Christi, Texas. I am the "Remedial Project Manager" responsible for the investigation and cleanup/remediation of the Site.

Following is your FOIA Request as submitted:

EPA-R6-2013-007904 - Mrs. Jenilee H. Easter – Corpus Christi, TX

I am just requesting an update on the Corpus Christi Superfund site called Brine Service Company. The online documents state that clean up has not begun, that cannot be correct, can it? Please email me the status or update the page, no need to waste time or paper making copies. Thank you for your time.

EPA's Response:

The cleanup/remediation of the Site has not started. We are currently in the "remedial investigation/feasibility study" (RI/FS) phase of the project. The RI/FS is being conducted by the potentially responsible parties (PRPs) under an "Administrative Order on Consent" (AOC) with the EPA. The EPA is providing oversight of the RI/FS to ensure compliance with the AOC. The purpose of the RI/FS is to determine the nature and extent of contamination and to develop remedial alternatives that address the cleanup/remediation of the Site. We plan on completing the field work associated with the RI/FS by the end of the calendar year, unless the nature and extent of the contamination has not been determined. Additionally, we will perform human health and ecological risk assessments to determine any health or environmental risks posed by the contaminants present at the Site.

We will then develop a "Proposed Plan" (PP) following the completion of the RI/FS. The purpose of the PP is to present the EPA's proposed alternative or remedy decision to clean up the Site to the public. We will publish a local newspaper notice announcing a thirty (30) day public comment period and will also sponsor a public meeting to discuss the proposed alternative to clean up the Site.

After addressing public comments, we will then develop a "Record of Decision" which describes the final cleanup plan, or remedial action, for the Site. The EPA will then need to negotiate a "Consent Decree" with the PRPs to clean up the Site. The cleanup of the Site will begin after the negotiations are completed and successful. Other enforcement actions may need to be considered.

We hope this response is helpful. Please call me at the office telephone or work cell phone numbers listed below if you have any questions concerning this e-mail or the Site. Thanks for your interest in the Site.

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Assigned Sites in Texas: (<http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/6sf-tx.htm>)

Brine Service Company Superfund Site (Corpus Christi, Texas)
Donna Reservoir and Canal Superfund Site (Donna, Texas)
Many Diversified Interests, Inc. Superfund Site (Houston, Texas)
Palmer Barge Line Superfund Site (Port Arthur, Texas)
State Marine of Port Arthur Superfund Site (Port Arthur, Texas)

Assigned Site in Oklahoma: (<http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/6sf-ok.htm>)

Tar Creek Superfund Site (North Eastern Oklahoma), Catholic 40 (Distal Group 8)